Historic White Marsh Church

September 29, 2024

Prelude

Hymn ~ 12 Praise Him! Praise Him! Video Presentation: Operation Christmas Child Hymn ~ 447 Jesus Loves the Little Children Welcome and Announcements Scripture Reading: James 4:13-17 Pastor Brad Praver Special Music: A World We Never Touch Anabel Baron and Joanie Perry Hymn ~ 185 Jesus Loves Me

Sermon: Ways to Stay in God's Will Pastor Wes

Hymn ~ 591 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Shoebox Presentations and Instructions

Benediction & Postlude

Tithes & Offerings: Please use the wooden offering box or mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!

Membership: If you are interested in becoming a member of Historic White Marsh Church, please talk to Rev. Wes Hall or Rev. Brad Perry.

Historic White Marsh Church is an independent, Bible-believing, teaching, and Christ-loving Church. We are made up of Christians from diverse backgrounds, who are going to the same place (heaven) because of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

TODAY! Brenda's Big Shoebox Packing Birthday Bash!

Help pack shoeboxes and eat pizza after the worship service. Continue to bring shoebox-sized gifts for the children and/or shipping money.

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Sunday: Bible Explorers Class at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 PM

WAYS TO STAY IN GOD'S WILL

James 4:13-17

- 1. Include God in your plans. v. 13, 14 Pray as you plan. Acknowledge that only the Lord knows the future and that life is fragile and uncertain. Proverbs 3:5-6
- 2. Seek and yield to God's will. v. 15
- 3. Follow Paul's example. Acts 18:21; 1 Cor. 4:19; 16:7
- 4. Follow the example of Jesus. Luke 22:41-42
- 5. Consult God when making decisions (especially major ones). Avoid the failure of Joshua and the elders of Israel. Joshua 9:3-18

6. Trust in God. v. 16 Don't trust in yourself; trust in God. Trusting in yourself leads

to boasting; trusting in God brings humility.

7. Recognize your dependence on God; doing this is a good thing. It is sinful when you do not include God in your plans and you know that you should. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." v. 17

Study Questions for Thursday's Bible Study:

- 1. What is wrong with a believer planning as seen in verse 13?
- 2. How should you include God in your plans?
- 3. What do you know about what is going to happen tomorrow? v. 14
- 4. To what is your life compared? v. 14
- What should you say about your future plans? v. 15 5.
- 6. Why should you not boast in your future plans? v. 16
- 7. What is the good thing you know to do when it comes to planning? v. 17
- 8. If you know to do good and don't do it, what is that called? v. 17
- 9. What is a sin of omission? What are the sins of omission that you see in this passage?